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SUBJECT:R/V TRIDENT CRUISE 172; REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE

1. R/V TRIDENT, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (URI) SUBMITTED ITINERARY FOR PERIOD 6-24 SEPT 75. FOLLOWING WORK PROPOSED:

2. DEPARTS IRAKLION, CRETE, 6 SEPT, TO CONDUCT SERIES OF PISTON CORES AND 3.5 KHZ SUB-BOTTOM PROFILES UPON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF SOUTH OF ISLAND OF THERA (SANTORINI), WHICH IS SOURCE OF VOLCANIC ERUPTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE. PURPOSE OF WORK OFF THERA IS TO CORRELATE ANCIENT VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS AND WINDFIELDS, AS REVEALED BY PRODUCTS OF VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS OBTAINED FROM CORE SAMPLES, WITH KNOWN EVENTS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL

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SIGNIFICANCE. AIR-GUN PROFILING AND CORING WILL BE CON-

DUCTED IN ZANTE (ZANKINTHOS) BASIN, ADJACENT TO WESTERN COAST OF GREECE, AND UPON GREEK CONTINENTAL SHELF. PURPOSE ZANTE BASIN STUDY IS TO UNDERSTAND SEDIMENTARY REGIME OF SMALL DEEP BASIN. WORK, SIMILAR TO THAT CONDUCTED NEAR ISLAND OF THERA, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GULF OF NAPLES UPON CONTINENTAL SHELF OF ITALY. ENTIRE PROJECT UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. N. D. WATKINS, OF URI. RESULTS OF STUDY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HOST COUNTRIES. SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM.

3. R/V TRIDENT IS OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL WITH LENGTH 180 FT, BEAM 32 FT, DRAFT 11 FT, DISPLACEMENT 1021 TONS. MASTER IS TERRY HANSEN WITH CREW OF 18 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 13. NO SPACE AVAILABLE FOR VISITING SCIENTISTS. SHIP'S AGENT FOR IRAKLION IS W. F. HENRY VANDERZEE AND CO., 37-39 AKTI MIROULI. CABLE: VANDERZEE, PIRAEUS, GREECE. AGENT IN NAPLES IS DILUGGO WOOD AND CO., VIA SALVATORE FUSCOJ, 80133 NAPLES. CABLE: DENNIS, ITALY. DAILY WATCH KEPT ON U.S. ATLANTIC COAST H.F. MARINE TELEGRAPHIC BAND 500 KHZ AND VHF-FM RADIOTELEPHONE 156.8 MHZ. ALSO EQUIPPED WITH SSB RADIOTELEPHONE 2182 KHZ. SHIP'S CALL LETTERS ARE KILO, INDIA, ECHO, ALPHA.

4. ACTION ATHENS: CLEARANCE WORK TO BE CONDUCTED UPON CONTINENTAL SHELF IN ZANTE BASIN, ADJACENT TO WESTERN COAST OF GREECE, AND OFF ISLAND OF THERA, FOR PERIOD 6-17 SEPT 75.

5. ACTION ROME: CLEARANCE FOR WORK TO BE CONDUCTED UPON CONTINENTAL SHELF IN GULF OF NAPLES FOR PERIOD 18-24 SEPT 75.

6. ALL PORT CLEARANCES TO BE REQUESTED BY URI THROUGH SHIP'S AGENTS. KISSINGER

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